

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

BYTEMARK, INC., §
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Plaintiff, §
§
vs. § Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00543-JRG/RSP
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MASABI LTD., § JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
§
Defendant. §

FOURTH AMENDED DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Current Deadline	New Deadline	
December 4, 2017		*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
November 7, 2017		*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne
November 1, 2017		*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
October 30, 2017		*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, and Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>

October 23, 2017		<p>*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.</p> <p>If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.</p>
October 23, 2017		<p>File Motions <i>in Limine</i></p> <p>The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.</p>
October 23, 2017		<p>Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures</p>
October 9, 2017		<p>Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures</p>
October 1, 2017		<p>Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof</p>
September 27, 2017	October 4, 2017	<p>*File Dispositive Motions or Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)</p> <p>No dispositive motion or motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p>
September 11, 2017	September 20, 2017	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
September 6, 2017	September 13, 2017	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
September 29, 2017		Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
August 16, 2017		Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Mediator: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules’ normal page limits.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Proposed DCO: The Parties’ Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

SIGNED this 31st day of August, 2017.



ROY S. PAYNE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE